

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate on Wednesday, bills were reported to incorporate the Central Agricultural Society of Virginia, and to incorporate the Virginia and Maryland Railroad Company.

The joint resolution, adopted on the 28th February, by the House, extending the session to Wednesday, March 13th, was called up, and agreed to by a vote of 33 to 5.

Mr. Lynch presented a memorial of the Farmers' Assembly of the State Agricultural Society, asking that officers be appointed to take the agricultural statistics of the State.

A bill to amend and re-enact the 16th section of the act passed the 7th day of May, 1852, entitled "an act to amend the charter of Alexandria," was called up by Mr. Thomas, of F., and passed.

House bill changing the time of holding the courts in the fourteenth Judicial Circuit, also House bill changing the time of holding the courts in the fifteenth Judicial Circuit was called up. These two bills were reported by Mr. Thomas of F., from the Committee of Courts, with amendments, which were agreed to, and the bills passed.

The general appropriation bill being called up by Mr. Brannon, the blank fixing the yearly salary of the Adjutant General, was filed with the sum of \$1,500, when the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to increase the capital stock of the Raleigh and North Carolina Turnpike Road by three-fifths of \$8,000, was called up, being on the 18th day of the session, was lost for want of a constitutional majority, receiving 21 votes to 19 against.

A bill for the relief of the Ronoque Valley Railroad was called up. [It releases the interest in the stock held in the road by the State, as soon as a connection shall have been made with the Richmond and Danville Road, by a road from Clarkeville,] and rejected by the Senate—yeas, 14, nays, 17. The vote being reconsidered, the bill was laid on the table.

In the House of Delegates a bill was reported incorporating Oak Grove Division, No. 12, Sons of Temperance.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Tomlin, Hopkins, Caperton, Duckwall, Barbour, Hunter, McKenney, Rives, and Miller of Shenandoah county, McKinney, McGeehee and Davis, a special committee to bring in a bill to make the State's interest in internal improvement companies more productive, by establishing such a rate of charges for travel and freight over their respective routes, as shall insure remunerative rates.

A bill was passed to amend chapter 92, sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the office of Sheriff.

The bill authorizing the construction of a railroad across the Pan-Handle, and to bridge the Ohio at Steubenville and Wheeling, passed the House. At the night session it elicited a long and interesting debate.

DIED.

It is with deep regret that we are called upon to record the death of the late Mr. FRANCIS A. MARBYR, an esteemed citizen of this town.

Mr. M. sailed from his home in November last, hoping to recover his health under the influence of the genial climate of the West Indies. Providence has, however, mysteriously decreed otherwise, and we are pained to record his death. We trust, however, that he has been removed from his suffering to another and a better world.

On Thursday, the 1st instant, in Washington City, Mrs. REBECCA W., widow of the late Charles R. W., died, in the 60th year of her age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, this (Friday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from St. Paul's Church.

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CONGRESS.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

Senate, Thursday, March 1.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to extend the swamp-land act to the States of Minnesota and Oregon, passed.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the establishment of a fort in the valley of Red River of the North—laid over.

Mr. Gwin moved to take up the West Point appropriation bill; so ordered, and the bill was read.

Mr. Wigfall moved to amend, by providing for the payment of the proposed volunteer Texas-frontier regiment.

Mr. Hale was opposed to the further increase of the Army, as involved in this amendment.

Mr. Wigfall contended that no increase of the army was contemplated, but that the proposition was simply to provide for a resident volunteer force, which could be mustered out of service whenever its services were no longer needed.

Mr. Fessenden was opposed to the amendment without official information, showing that the proposed appropriation was necessary.

Mr. Davis contended that official information as to how the present regular army was employed, was already before the Senate in official documents.

He suggested that the Administration could not call out a volunteer force without an appropriation to that end, and as the Senate has all the information on the subject that the Administration had, he did not see why they should not act at once.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. Davis, Douglas, and Gwin in favor, and Messrs. Foot, Crittenden, and Fessenden in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, moved that the bill and amendment be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, which motion was not agreed to by the following vote: Yeas 23; nays 31.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject, which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, was willing to vote the appropriation, because Texas demanded protection, and it was right that she should have it.

Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, replied to the remarks of Mr. Wilson.

The bill and amendment were then referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate then took up the bill providing for the sale of the Arms of the United States to the States of the Union, and to provide for a Military Superintendency of the National Armories.

Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, in a speech of some length, opposed the Military Superintendency.

Mr. Davis, of Mississippi, replied.

The question then came up upon the amendment, proposed some days since, striking out the Military Superintendency clause, which amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 16 yeas to 21 nays.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, moved to amend, so as to require the arms to be paid for in cash, which amendment was agreed to by universal consent.

Mr. Hamlin, of Maine, moved to strike out the section, authorizing the sale of the Arms of the United States, which was agreed to.

The amendment was advocated by Messrs. Simmes, of Rhode Island, and Fitch, of Ohio, and opposed by Mr. Davis, of Mississippi, and Mr. Mason, of Virginia.

After much discussion, and at 5 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Fessenden, of Maine, the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Adrian rose to a question of privilege relative to the censure which he conceived had been cast upon him by the resolution of his committee, appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Washington Statue, being a member of that committee.

The Speaker decided that as that resolution was not in possession of the House, objection having been made to its reception, the gentleman could not proceed unless by unanimous consent.

Mr. Adrian regarded this objection to his proceeding as unkind and unjust.

The Speaker having called for reports from Standing Committees, several unimportant bills were presented.

Mr. Washburn, of Ill., introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committees on Commerce, Elections, Foreign Relations, Territories, Military Affairs, Post Office and Post Roads, Judiciary, Invalid Pensions, Naval Affairs, and Public Lands, be authorized to employ each a Clerk, at the compensation of \$4 a day while actually employed.

The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 104 to 73.

The House then went into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union; Mr. Washburn, of Ill., in the Chair.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations to carry out treaty stipulations with certain Indian tribes in the Territories of Washington, and the State of Oregon.

Mr. Cobb, of Ga., offered the bill.

Mr. Sherman replied, and after further debate, the Committee rose, and on motion of Mr. Sherman, the House agreed to proceed to the election of a Printer, pending which, Mr. Branch, of N. C., moved a call of the House, which was ordered and executed.

After some desultory debate, and an expression of the House to resist a vote to-day, the House adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Branch, of N. C., the election of Printer was postponed until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

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The Committee resumed the consideration of the President's Message, and Mr. Ashmore, of S. C., addressed the House upon general political topics.

At the conclusion of his speech, the house adjourned.

SUMMER HILL FARM. This desirable FARM, containing about 20 ACRES, on which are a neat and comfortable DWELLING, and a fine ORCHARD, and a mile from Alexandria, on the Little River Turnpike, is offered for rent. As there are TWO DWELLINGS on the place, it will be divided if desired. For terms, &c., apply at the Gazette office. RICHARD WINDSOR.

FOR RENT OR SALE.—The THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING, on Prince Street, between Fairfax and Water streets, next door east of the office of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad. Water and Gas have been introduced, and is in fact ready for occupation. For terms, &c., apply at the Gazette office. WM. GREGORY.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

MEETING LAST NIGHT.—A meeting of "all in favor of forming a Citizens' Ticket for the Municipal offices of this city, at the ensuing election," was held at Liberty Hall, last night, C. E. F. Suttle in the Chair, and Dennis R. Blacklock, Secretary.

On motion of C. E. Stuart, who made some explanatory remarks, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, for many years past it has been the practice of a portion of the people of Alexandria, to meet in party conventions, for the purpose of nominating officers for all positions of honor and trust in the Corporation, which in the opinion of a large portion of our people, has excluded good and true men, from the different departments of our municipal government, and frequently placed incompetent persons in responsible places to the manifest injury of the interest of our city, and thus deprived a large portion of the people of the power of choosing the best qualified candidates, by binding many through the agency of party conventions; and whereas, we believe that every officer, especially that of Mayor, should be open to the just and honorable aspiration of every citizen.

Resolved, That we deprecate the introduction of party politics in the selection of local and municipal officers, believing that qualification alone should be the proper test.

Resolved, That we recommend to the people of Alexandria to elect the Mayor and Councilmen, and by laws to be submitted at next meeting, Thursday 8th instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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The Committee on Streets reported in favor of laying a flag on the corner of King Street, on the west side of St. Asaph, and adversely to placing the flag on the south side of Duke, across Water, and across Royal from the Market House; which reports were adopted.

Also in favor of repairing the alley running by Jameson's Bake House at a cost of \$100, which report was laid on the table.

The Committee on Streets also reported a resolution exhorting the Superintendent of Police, which was adopted, as was also the formal report of the same Committee.

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Mr. Reid, of the Committee of Conference, on the "Act prohibiting the erection of Wooden buildings," having retired, Mr. Bryan was appointed to supply the vacancy.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF UPPERVILLE.—A meeting was held in Concord Church, on last Tuesday night, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in Upperville.

On motion of Captain Colvert, the Rev. George W. Harris was called to the Chair, and R. C. McArthur, esq., appointed Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Chairman read a circular from Wm. H. Fowle, esq., Secretary of the 7th District, explanatory of the objects of the Association.

After considerable consultation in reference to the aims and objects of the Association, and the best plan to be pursued for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the confederation, the meeting determined to proceed to the election of officers, whereupon the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz: James Hunter, President; J. M. Scott, T. S. Lake, W. Carr, and C. Pettit, Vice Presidents; George S. Ayre, Treasurer; J. H. McGinn, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

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